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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL FRG PARTICIPATION IN SOVIET HELICOPTER
DEMONSTRATION

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1. DURING A CONVERSATION TODAY ON OTHER MATTERS, FRG
POLITICAL DIRECTOR BLECH ASKED THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR
ABOUT THE BACKGROUND REGARDING OUR DECISION REGARDING
OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION IN THE SOVIET HELICOPTER
DEMONSTRATION. THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR DREW ON MATERIAL
IN REFTTEL FOR HIS REPLY. HE THEN ASKED BLECH WHAT THE
GERMANS WERE DOING.

2. BLECH SAID THE GERMANS HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO HAVE
ONE CIVILIAN HELICOPTER AND FIVE MILITARY HELICOPTERS
(WITH MILITARY CREWS) PARTICIPATING. HOWEVER, IN ORDER
TO ACT IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR DECISION, THEY HAVE REDUCED
THEIR PARTICIPATION TO ONE MILITARY HELICOPTER AS WELL
AS THE CIVILIAN HELICOPTER.

3. BLECH SAID THE FRG COULD NOT COMPLETELY ABSTAIN FROM
OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION BECAUSE GERMAN MILITARY AIRCRAFT
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WILL BE USED TO CARRY BELL CIVILIAN HELICOPTERS TO THE
DEMONSTRATION. THEREFORE, COMPLETE FRG ABSTENTION WOULD
HAVE MEANT NO US CIVILIAN PARTICIPATION EITHER. THE
DECISION WAS THUS MADE TO PERMIT USE OF FRG
AIRCRAFT TO CARRY US HELICOPTERS AND, SO AS NOT TO
CONFINE PARTICIPATION EXCLUSIVELY TO A FERRY SERVICE,
ALSO TO PERMIT ONE MILITARY HELICOPTER AND CREW

TO PARTICIPATE.
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